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26 APR 1985

LTG James A. Williams, USA
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20301

Jim:

CIA concurs with the proposal outlined in your letter of 11 April 1985 for linking the military commands to the DESIST system through the Intelligence Data Handling System Communication-II Network once minor enhancements have been made to permit an interface. Our data processing and security staffs have reviewed the statement of work for these enhancements and have found it will satisfy all performance and security requirements for DESIST. (S)

CIA is committed to making this solution work so that the military commands can have access to DESIST as soon as possible. At the same time, however, we must ensure that the communications linkages adequately protect the sensitive data in the system. To this end, I am enclosing the list of security requirements upon which the computer security experts of both agencies have agreed. I trust you will find them acceptable. (S)

Any tool that can both help us monitor the international terrorist threat and support our efforts to counter it is of the utmost importance. I look forward to seeing the military commands using DESIST, and CIA is ready to continue working closely with DIA on this front. (C)

Sincerely,

/S/ John N. McMahon

John McMahon
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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24 APR 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Executive Director

FROM: Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: DESIST - Military Command Access Through
a DIA Communications Network (S)

1. Action: Your signature on the attached letter. (U)

2. Background: Since your last letter to the Director of DIA on DESIST (Attachment A)--in which you committed CIA to reexamine the security restrictions we had imposed on DIA's plan to link military commands to the system via the IDHSC II communication network--much progress has occurred, as indicated by General Williams' most recent letter (Attachment B). Representatives of the Office of Information Technology, the Office of Security, and the Office of Global Issues have met with their DIA counterparts, and have jointly developed a plan that uses the existing DIA network but still satisfies CIA's security requirements (Attachment C). (S)

The plan--which is acceptable to the representatives of both agencies--calls for DIA to procure the hardware and develop the software for a network front end that will be placed in the Northside Center along with the DESIST computer. This equipment and software will interface with DIA's IDHSC II commo network and will also provide the Agency with its required security controls and audits. DIA has obtained the funding to perform these tasks, and has submitted a request for proposal to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DIA has provided the proposed statement of work (Attachment D) for the contract to us for our review--and it appears to be acceptable. (S)

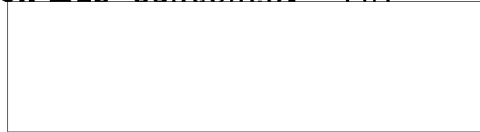
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3. Staff Position: The Office of Information Technology and the Office of Security were consulted in the preparation of this memorandum, and coordinated on its contents. (U)

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Attachments:

- A. Letter to Director, DIA
- B. Letter from Director, DIA
- C. Memo on Computer Security Requirements
- D. Proposed Statement of Work

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TO #6: Please prepare response for DDCI signature.

Executive Secretary

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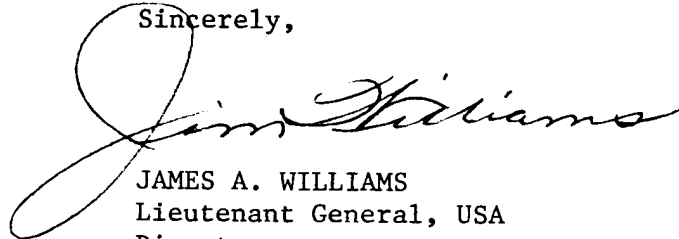
Dear John:

(S) In August 1984 our agencies agreed on a technical approach to provide DESIST data to the U&S Commands.

(S) DIA and CIA staff officers have agreed on a statement of work to provide this capability utilizing the present Intelligence Data Handling System Communication-II Network with minor enhancements. FCIP has provided the requisite procurement funds and DIA has identified the remaining funds for software development.

(S) As discussed at our recent breakfast meeting, all that is needed is your formal concurrence on the approach.

Sincerely,



JAMES A. WILLIAMS
Lieutenant General, USA
Director

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